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Amendments To The Specification

Please replace paragraph [0008] on page 3 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph. Added matter relative to the previous version of the paragraph is indicated by underlining:

[0008] Fig. 4 depicts an alignment of human sequence #115 (SEQ. ID. NO: 5, referred to as "SEQUENCE_115_" in Fig. 4) with mouse sequence MOUSEGN:CHR7-36867 (SEQ. ID. NO: 1, referred to as "MOUSE_CHR7-36867" in Fig. 4).